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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (FOR EO TAGS SUBJECT)

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CASC (SURVIL, BERNARD)
SUBJECT: EXPULSION OF US CITIZEN

1. FOREIGN MINISTER HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT AN AMERICAN PRIEST, BERNARD ANTHONY SURVIL, IS TO BE EXPELLED FROM EL SALVADOR ALLEGEDLY FOR ENGAGING IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES. ANOTHER PRIEST, LAWRENCE F MCCULLOCH, WHO IS ASSIGNED TO EL SALVADOR BUT IS NOW VISITING IN COSTA RICA, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO REENTER EL SALVADOR BECAUSE OF HIS ALLEGED SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES. SURVEIL WILL PROBABLY BE DEPARTED TO GUATEMALA.

2. BOTH PRIESTS HAD BEEN ORDERED TO REPORT TO DIRECTOR GENERAL OF IMMIGRATION AT SAN SALVADOR ON FEBRUARY 10. CONSOFF WAS INFORMED BY DIRECTOR GENERAL THAT THEY HAD BEEN ACCUSED OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AND WERE TO BE WARNED FORMALLY TO CEASE THESE ACTIVITIES OR THEY WOULD BE EXPELLED FROM EL SALVADOR. MCCULLOCH WAS OUT OF EL SALVADOR AT THE TIME. SURVIL WENT TO IMMIGRATION FEBRUARY 11 AND WAS READ A STATEMENT OUTLINING THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM AND INSTRUCTING HIM "ONCE AND FOR ALL" TO CEASE ENGAGING IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES. STATEMENT WAS SIGNED
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BY DIRECTOR GENERAL AND TWO WITNESSES BUT SURVIL REFUSED TO SIGN STATEMENT ALTHOUGH SIGNATURE REPRESENTED ONLY ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT HE HAD BEEN WARNED.
3. SURVIL TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY NATIONAL GUARD AT OPICO EVENING OF FEBRUARY 14 AND BROUGHT TO IMMIGRATION MORNING OF FEBRUARY 15. AT REQUEST OF DIRECTOR GENERAL CONSOFF PRESENT WHEN STATEMENT READ TO SURVIL WARNING HIM AGAINST ENGAGING IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

PERTINENT SECTIONS OF CRIMINAL CODE AND IMMIGRATION LAWS
ALSO READ TO HIM. HE AGAIN REFUSED SIGN STATEMENT THAT
HE HAD BEEN WARNED.

4. SURVEIL ACCOMPANIED CONOFF TO EMBASSY AFTER MEETING. HE WAS
ADVISED THAT UNDER SALVADORAN LAW HE CAN BE EXPELLED FOR ENGAGING
IN ACTIVITIES WHICH SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT BELIEVES SUBVERSIVE,
AND THAT WITH ELECTIONS BEING HELD FEBRUARY 20 GOES ESPECIALLY
SENSITIVE REGARDING POLITICAL ACTIVITY BY FOREIGNERS.

5. SURVEIL ADMITTED TO CONSOFF HAVING DOCUMENTS IN HIS
POSSESSION WHICH CHARGED THAT A RECENTLY-EXPELLED COLOMBIAN
PRIEST WAS TORTURED BY AUTHORITIES BEFORE HIS DEPORTATION,
AND ALSO THAT HE ATTENDED A MASS FOR THAT PRIEST. ACCORDING
FOREIGN MINISTER, AFTER SECOND WARNING SURVIL AGAIN MADE STATEMENTS
SUCH AS "BLOOD WOULD FLOW IN STREETS ON ELECTION DAY." FOREIGN MINIS-
TER ALSO STATED THAT MCCULLOCH HAD PASSED OUT PAMPHLETS ON THE
COLOMBIAN PRIEST CASE. HE WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO ASSURE US THAT
SURVEIL WOULD BE TREATED "CAREFULLY" (I.E., HUMANELY) IN ACCORDANCE
PROVISIONS OF SALVADORAN LAW. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF IMMIGRATION,
COL. SANTIBANEZ, ALSO WENT OUT OF HIS WAY ON TWO SEPARATE
OCCASIONS TO ENSURE THAT SURVIL WAS FULLY INFORMED OF
CONSEQUENCES OF HIS ACTIVITIES AND TO KEEP CONSOFF INFORMED OF
EACH STEP OF PROCEEDINGS.
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